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Development (1937) Department.

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G.O. No. 440

DATED 23 4 1937

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forest, Reassignment — Peermade division. Vellikkakuthu, Thimmampadi and Tonnisseri Reserves to the Forest officer Periyar Tamil Nadu

C.F. 31—13,206—14-12-35.

Development. **DEPARTMENT.**

CURRENT No.

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27.11.36.

Subject.

Panchayats - Forest -(Bellary) Chilakananatti|etc. reserves - Retransfer to the Forest Department|- proposal.

Ref. L. No. 544-36-5

Station Madras. , *Dated the* 20 - 11 - 1936.

From

T.N.S.Raghavan Esq., I.C.S.,
Addl. Joint Secretary,
Board of Revenue.

J.F.Hall Esq.,C.I.E.,O.B.E.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read the following:

(Not received) Letter from T.Bhaskara Rao Esq.,I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, D.Dis.No.5885-36 dated 24-3-36.

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(Not received) Letter from T.Bhaskara Rao Esq.,I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, D.Dis.No.4369-36 dated 31-10-1936.

Reference.

At the instance of the District Forest Officer, Anantapur, and the Collector of Bellary the Board submits proposals for the retransfer to the Forest Dept. of the following reserves in the Bellary District:-

Reserve.	Extent in acres.
Chilakanahatti	799
Thimmalapuram Sandalwood area.	618
Tummaraguddi	4519
Tonisigiri	1282

A sketch showing the reserves in question is enclosed.

2) The Tonisigiri Panchayat managing the Tonisigiri Reserve Forest has no objection to the proposed transfer while the Tummaraguddi and Chilakanahatti panchayats managing the Tummaraguddi Reserve Forest and the Chilakananatti and Timmalapuram sandalwood area Reserve Forest respectively are not willing for it. The finances of these two last mentioned panchayats are, however, poor and their working is anything but satisfactory. The President of the Chilakananatti panchayat was removed recently for illicit cutting of palmyrah trees in the reserve and certain allegations against the President of the Tummaraguddi panchayat are pending enquiry.

3) Chilakanahatti Reserve Forest contains a good growth or palmyrah trees and the other three Reserves contain good growth of sandal. The Timmalapuram sandalwood area lies between two departmental reserves and it causes much inconvenience to the local ryots who have to take separate permits for this area for their cattle which generally stray into it from the adjoining departmental reserves. It is also apprehended that if these four reserves are left to panchayat management they might be denuded of their tree growth in course of time. Both the District Forest Officer and the Collector therefore consider that sandalwood growth in these reserves cannot be improved or regenerated unless they are under the expert advice and effective control of the Forest Department. They accordingly recommend that these reserves may be resumed and transferred to the control of the Forest Department. The Board supports

their recommendation.

4) The Chief Conservator of Forests, who has been consulted, agrees to resume control over the four reserves provided an additional establishment consisting of one Forest Guard and two Forest watchers is sanctioned for their protection. The Board requests that the Government may be pleased to sanction the transfer on the terms proposed by the Chief Conservator.

5) The Chief Conservator of Forests has not, however stated the class, I or III, in which the four reserves would be placed after their transfer to the Forest Department. As all the four reserves contain valuable trees, the Board suggests that on the analogy of G.O.No. 1150 Ms., Development, dated 19-8-1935, they may be placed in Class I.

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N Srinivasa Rao
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For Addl. Joint Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government,
Development Department, with a sketch.

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Ogw. No. 5304 I/36-2 dy. 27-1-37

Panchayat — Forest — (Bellary). Chilakanahatti etc. reserves — Retransfer to the Forest Department: Ref. from the Bd of Rev. L. No. 524-36-5 dy 20—11—1936

The Board of Rev. is requested to forward for the information of Govt a copy of the replies of the Presidents of the Tummaraguddi and Chilakanahatti Panchayats objecting to the proposed transfer of the reserves in question. The Board is also requested to report when these Panchayats were constituted.

The Board of Rev.

S.R. Ind. on 27-2-37

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DEVELOPMENT **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Panchayats - Forest - (Bellary) - Chilakanahatti etc. Reserves - Re-transfer to Forest Department - Proposal.

Reference No. L. 544-36-7

Station MADRAS , *Dated the* 25th February 1937.

From

T.N.S. Raghavan, Esq., I.C.S.,

Addl. Joint Secretary,

Board of Revenue.

J.F.Hall, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read:- Memorandum from the Government, Development Department, No.5304-I/36-2, dated 27-1-1937.

Letter from A.G. Blake, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, Ref.C.622-37, dated 22-2-1937.

Sub:- Panchayats- Forest - Chilakanahatti etc. reserves - Retransfer to Forest Department - Further information - Furnished.

Ref. Board's Ref.L.544-36, dated 30-1-1937.

A copy of the resolutions of the three Panchayats in question relating to the retransfer of the reserve to the Forest Department is enclosed.

2. The date of constitution of the Panchayats is given in the margin*. The agreements with the Panchayats are current.

They

They expire on the dates noted against the Panchayats.

Name of the panchayat.	Date of constitution.	Date of expiry of agreement.
Thonasigeri.	15-6-1926.	30-6-1937.
Chilakanahatti.	14-2-1927.	30-6-1938.
Jiginahalli.	10-6-1926.	30-6-1938.

Reference:-

Submitted to the Government.

for Addl. Joint Secretary. 1-3-37.

To

The Secretary to the Government,

Development Department.

(with enclosures).

PGR-26-2-37.

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Tonnigiri panchayat

Resolution

15.9.36. ... Signed by the members.
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Kannada

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Resolution under the Panchayat Act in objection to the members against the resolution.

Chilakanahalli
17.9.36

Minutes of the meeting of the first Panchayat members - Chilakanahalli

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Signed by the members.
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for Meelan

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The Kamlapura forest reserve
should be under the control
of Chikkanayakkanahalli Panchayat.
Otherwise he transferred to
four. the Panchayat members.
with hereafter work unanimously
(without having disputes among them)

C.F. 31—13,206—14-12-35.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Panchayats-Forest (Bellary)- Chilakanahatti etc. reserves- Retransfer to Forest Department- Proposal.

Refce No. L.544/36-8

Station Madras., *Dated the* 6th April 1937. 19

From

T.N.S.Raghavan Esq., I.C.S.,

Addl. Joint Secretary,

Board of Revenue.

J.F. Hall Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., O.B.E., I.C.S.,

Commissioner of LandRevenue.

Read the following paper:-

Memorandum from Government, Development Department, No.5304-I/36 dated 28th March 1937.

Reference.

The inspection reports of the panchayats during the recent years are submitted herewith.

for Addl. Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Government, Development Dept., with enclosures.

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INSPECTION NOTES OF THE JIGINAHALLI FOREST PANCHAYAT
BY THE SUB COLLECTOR OF HOSPET.

Date of last inspection 9-6-34.
Date of present inspection 16-3-36.

1. BOUNDARY LINE AND PLAN:- Entered the foreest at cairn 86: walked 3/4 mile through the forest along the Railway line, then south for ½ mile emerging at cairn 79: walked the boundary to cairn 86. The cairns are not white-washed and numbering does not correspond with the numbers in the plan. Cairn 83 is partly fallen and must be repaired. The kunta near cairn 82 is in fair repair but the bed has silted up and should be cleared. I saw only two of the three watchers. I did not observe any illicit cutting.

2. PROTECTION:- Three watchers are on duty. They are said to have not been paid their pay from 15-6-35 to 15-12-35. The watchers have presented a petition to me putting forth their claims in respect of their arrear pay. I am pushing orders separately on the petition. The agreement that should have been renewed on 1-7-35 was actually renewed on 27-1-36 on account of some muddle in the panchayat affair. The president should see that the arrear salary of the watchers is paid before the end of September 1936.

3. GRAZING LIMIT:- According to the agreement the grazing capacity of the forest is limited to 1500 cow units. The panchayat has sold permits to 454 cow units so far. As this is the off season to sell any more permits and improve their finances, The president should see that he sells the maximum number. in the coming year and try to stabilise the unstable financial conditions of the pancnayat. So far as this year is concerned he is not be blamed totally for the mismanagement as there was some unavoidable delay in the renewal of the agreement. Only one offence has been detected during the year and compounded for 12 annas. The president and the members should exercise effective control over the watchers and evince more interest in the affairs of the panchayat and bring to book all the offences that take place in the forest. They should remember that payment of money of composition fees is one of the items of income to the panchayat.

The fuel concessions has not been utilised with advantage.

P.T.O.

4. IMPROVEMENTS:- According to the agreement the pancnayat is required to plant 20 tamarind and 30 Kanagu trees every year and dibble Thangedu in the vacant spaces in the panchayat area. Honest efforts should be made in the beginning of Mungari rains this year to plant trees and dibble Thangedu in the blank spaces.

5. ACCOUNTS. The prescribed accounts are maintained. Lease amount has been paid.

Receipts.		Charges.				
Opening balance	Nil.	Cost of books and forms, Postage.	2	6	6	Plus 0-4-6
Grazing Revenue	170-4-0	T.A. to president.	2	0	0	
Moety of C.Fees.	27-13-6.	Lease amount	130	0	0	
Cost of brushwood.	3-12-0	Pay of watchers.	40	0	0	
		Cash balance.	27	2	6	
	201-13-6		201-13-6			

This balance sheet is not a true index of the financial condition of the panchayat as the 3 watchers have to be paid their pay from 15-6-35 to 15-12-35.

GENERAL:- Three meetings were held during the year and the reserve was inspected 10 times only by the president and one other member. It is certain that the members have not been taking any interest in the panchayat and if they continue to be indifferent in future the Tahsildar should frame charges and submit punishment rolls against them so that they may be removed and the pancnayat placed in the hands of better men.

(True-copy)

For Tahsildar.

N.D.22/9.

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Inspection Notes of Jiginihalli Panchayat Reserve by Tahsildar

Date of inspection 23-1-35

Date of last inspection 24-11-33.

Boundary:- Inspected cairns Nos. 78 to 86. The cairns are in order out not properly whitewashed. The President says that it was washed away by rains. The president has been asked to whitewash the cairns and renumber them properly. The numbers are noted on the cairns themselves in some cases and the president has been asked to put the numbers on a small slab and place it above the cairns. The boundary line is not clear in some places. and overgrown with shrubs and the watchers have been instructed to clear it. No encroachments were detected. No tree cuttings were found.

PROTECTION:- One head watcher on Rs.9/- and two watchers on Rs.8/- are maintained and they are efficient. The Panchayat has detected 4 cases of tree cutting from 1-7-34 and they have all been compounded. No traces of goat brousing were found

GRAZING LEAF AND FUEL CONCESSIONS:- Permits for Rs.21-3-6 have been issued for brush wood and thorn on payment. No free permits were issued.

IMPROMENENTS:- No improvement were made to Sagatimmavvana Kunta and it contains some water. No tangedu was dibbled. There are traces of mango, tamarind, Kanuga trees having been planted but they are all dired up except 12 Kaniga trees. One Mango tree planted some years back is surviving. The president promises to plant trees in the next rainy season.

ACCOUNTS:- All accounts are maintained properly. Permit for 668½ cow units have been issued up to date against 1526 cow units. The president atributes the small number of permits issued to bad seasonal conditions.

PROPAGANDA:- The ryots have been advised to cooperate in the working of the panchayat system. The Sub Collector found 20 cattle grazing in the forest area on11-5-34 and the president says that he afterwards found that these cattle had permits.

Abstract of receipts and charges up to the date of inspection.

Receipts.				Charges.			
Opening balance	0	3	0	Rease amount	Rs. 130	0	0
Grazing Revenue	250	13	0	Watchers pay	150	0	0
Sale of Tangedu	15	0	0	Plantation charges	3	0	0
" M.F.Produce	46	0	0	Maintenance	2	0	0
" Dead wood& thorns.	21	0	6	Contingencies.	0	10	0
	333	0	6		285	10	0
Charges.	285	10	0				
Balance	47	6	6				

(True-copy)

N.D.22/9.

For Tahsildar.

22/9/36.

Inspection Notes - Forest Panchayat - by the Sub Collector, Hospet.

Jiginihalli Panchayat.

Date of present inspection 9-5-34.

Question No.1:- (Boundary line and plan)-- Inspected cairn Nos 62 to 66 and 56 to 58. Boundaries are fairly well maintained but not properly numbered. and the president claims to have cleared the full length of the line except on the Sandur frontier in the north side. He has got the Forest map. It is in fair condition, but tangedu plantation and tree plantations have not been marked in it. Cairn numbers have also not been marked. New fields formed out of the forest reserve for the Railway line have not been marked either in the Taluk copy or the Panchayat copy of the plan. The Tahsildar should send both to Inspecting Tahsildar and get them details marked.

Question No.2 (Protection)- Two watchers are on duty. They have been employed only from 15th February 1934. There was one watcher on duty without pay from June 1933 to 14th Ferbuary 1934. to protect the forest as there was inordinate delay in holding elections for the current lease. Final election took place only on 5-1-34 whereas the previous lease period expired on 30-6-33. Three petty offences of illicit cutting have been detected since the date of forest election. There were prabably many such offences which went undetected in the period of 7 or 8 months precedent to elections. One of the watchers says that he has been doing duty since June 1933 but there is no beat book with him to show the Inspections made by him. The President says his statement is true.

Question No.3 (Grazing limit):- Limit 1650 cow unit. Permits issued up to 447 cow unit. The president says that the limit could not be reached owing to late elections held for the current lease.

Closure period to be observed in the month of May and June but noticed about 20 cattle grazing in the reserve on 11-5-34 to the north of the Railway line. The Panchayat should detect the offenders.

Fuel concession were utilised only to the extent of 23 cart loads. The Panchayat contains no quarry It derived an income

of

of Rs.74/- by the lease of minor forest produce and tangedu for this year.

Question No.4 (Improvements):- No repairs have been executed to any of the three cattle ponds. The president says that Sakri Thimmavanakunta cattle pond needs repairs in the shape of silt removal. It is said that it is capable of retaining water for one year if silt is removed. It is estimated to cost Rs.50/- Out of the trees planted previous to 1933 only one mango tree is said to have survived. Most of the forest is hilly and composed of hard rock but adapted to tree growth.

Wather facilities are said to have been curtailed afther the advent of the Railway line which does not permit free access to the water spots on the north. No Tangedu was planted afresh during the past year and this year and that sown in 1929 is said to be coming up tolerably well near Sakri Thimmavvakunta. The Panchayat should propogate the growth of bamboo bush by transplantation during rainy season.

Question No.5 (Accounts)- The Panchayat has had transaction only from 13-2-34 on which date it began to issue permits. Accounts are maintained. Lease amount has been paid.

Receipts.				Charges.			
Opening balance.	Rs. 0	7	2	Rent paid in cash.	Rs. 56	0	0
Sale of dead wood& thorn	6	10	0	" by adjustment.	74	0	0
Grazing Revenue	168	8	0	Maintenance	10	0	0
				Pay of Watchers.	32	0	0
				Closing balance.	79	9	2
	251	9	2		251	9	2

Question No.6:- Defects pointed out previously:- There is no indication of the Tahsildar having inspected the forest either before or since the date of the Rev.Divl. Officer's inspection made last year on 24-4-33 and the remarks made by the Rev.Dvl. Officer about the illicit tree cutting which had taken place along the Sandur Frontier are probably not attended to. Survey operations were attended by much mutilation of trees.

Question No.7 (General remarks):- The present President seems to take an interest in the administration. Two meetings have been held and 16 inspections have been made. Some of the members have taken part in the inspection. The growth of grass in the reserve has been burnt away by accidental fire which had its

its ~~origin~~ source in the Sandur Forest. between Neeragolla and Mannedibba. I found goat droppings here and there and noticed that several trees had been cut along the Railway line and heavy loppings in the vicinity of the Railway terminees. The president explains that the ~~offences~~ have been booked. One out of which has alredy been compounded and the remaining two are yet to be compounded.

(True-copy).

N.D.22/9.

For Tahsildar.

22.9.44

copy J Panchayats- Forest - Tonasigeri Panchayat - Inspection by the Sub Collector - Inspection Notes.

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1. Date of present Inspection 9-5-34.

Question No.1:- Inspected cairn Nos. 54, 58, 52, 49, 48, 47 and crossed the reserve and inspected cairn No.56, 57, 1 and 2. Maintained. The comition varies at different parts of the line. Some cairns have not been put in order and properly white-washed and numbered thwugh the account book shows that Rs.2/- has been spent for maintenance.

(b) The Panchayat has got a plan. It is in fair condition.

Q.No.2:- One watcher is employed and he is on duty. He is able bodied. No offences were detected. But I found lopping of Rela trees illicitly cut-for obtaining its bark. Every where there were traces of illicit cutting both of branches and whole trees. The President should detect the offenders and send up an offence report.

Question No.3:- Grazing limit 430 cow units. Permits issued for 271 cow units.

Closure period observed during May and June.

Dry fuel sold for Rs.3-0-0. No quarry. There is no demand for manure leaves.

Question No.4:- I found on inspection that the provision made for the construction of cattle pond across a stream is unnecessary. There is a natural spring which runs throughout the year and keeps one stream full

The watcher pointed out one place where trees had been planted I could not say if the saplings were due to planting or natural growth.

Question No.5:- Accounts are maintained and Rent paid.

Receipts.				Charges.			
Opening balance	Rs.55	8	0	Rent	Rs.14	0	0
Grazing Revenue	100	10	0	Boundary maintenance	2	0	0
Sale of dead wood	3	0	0	Watchers pay	72	0	0
Tangedu and M.F.Produce.	11	0	0	Contingencies.	0	3	0
				Closing balance	81	15	3
	170	2	3		170	2	3

P.T.O.

Question No.6:- There is no indication of the Tahsildar having inspected the panchayat during the last 2½ years. But he must have inspected before writing his report on the petition of the Samehalli ryots.

Question No.7:- (General)- Thirteen inspections have been made by the president and members and they appear to be nominal because no offences were detected at all. The watcher told me the president did not visit the reserve. Eight meetings have been held in four of which the watchers neglect of duty was the subject of discussion. The watcher seems better than the members. On inspection I find no sufficient reasons to redistribute the areas between Jiginihalli and this Panchayat.

(True-copy).

For Tahsildar.

N.D.22/9.

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Notes of Inspection of the Tansigeri Forest Panchayat Reserve

by the Tahsildar of Kudligi.

Date of inspection 30-12-35.

Date of last inspection 31-10-31 by the Forest Panchayat Dy.Tahsildar.

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1. BOUNDARY:- Inspected the frontier boundary between the Sandur State and the Tonsigeri reserve viz., Cairns Nos. 53, to 57 and 1 to 6. The line is not clear. There is thick growth of grass and also big trees in the line to be cleared. The cairns have partly fallen and are to be repaired. They are not whitewashed this year, nor numbered with tar. The president has been instructed to get the defects rectified soon. Even the Southern boundary of the reserve is not cleared. The President complains that the other members do not cooperate with him. There seems to be hitch between the president and the members. I have advised 3 members present to cooperate with the president and protect the forest carefully. There is a plan of the reserve with the president which is in good condition.

2. PROTECTION:- There is one watcher on Rs.8/- to look after the reserve and he is able bodied, but he is left to himself and the members do not practically supervise his work. No illicit cuttings or goat droppings were noticed. No offences were defected by the Panchayat during the year. The diary shows that one member inspected the reserve only once since 1-7-35 and the president did not visit the reserve till now. This is unsatisfactory. A beat book has been maintained by the watcher.

3. GRAZING ETC. CONCESSIONS:- Permits have been issued till now for 18 buffaloes, 74 cows and 54 bulls or in all 164 cow units against 430 prescribed in the agreement. The president and the members are advised to evince interest in selling the grazing permits and collect the amount prescribed in the agreement before 31-1-36. The closure period has been observed. No other revenue has been realised although the panchayat is authorised to sell dead wood and grass.

4. IMPROVEMENTS:- According to the agreement, the panchayat has to grow 25 tamarind, 25 margosa, mango and other trees, Nothing has been done so far. No attempt has been made to grow Tandegu trees.

P.T.O.

5. ACCOUNTS:- The lease amount has been paid. The panchayat met only twice during the six months from 1-7-35. The following is the financial position of the Panchayat.

Receipts.		Charges.	
Opening balance	Rs.46 9 3	Lease amount	Rs. 14 0 0
Grazing revenue	61 8 0	Payof wathhers	32 0 0
Interest from Savings Bank	0 13 0	Cost of Stationery	0 3 0
		Closing balance	62 11 11
Total	108 14 11		108 14 11

GENERAL Out of the closing balance, Rs.61-13-8 is in Postal Savings Bank and the remaining amount with the President.

6. GENERAL:- The work of the panchayat is not satisfactory. The president and the members should pay greater attention to the collection of grazing Revenue and the protection of the Forest.

(True-copy)

N.D.22/9.

For Tahsildar.

NOTES OF INSPECTION OF TONSIGERI FOREST PANCHAYAT
BY THE SUB COLLECTOR OF HOSPET.

Date of last inspection 9-5-34
Date of present inspection 17-3-36

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1. BOUNDARY AND MAP:- Entered the forest at cairn 56 and walked through the forest emerging at cairn No.33, walked along the boundary to cairn 18. Cairns 25, 24, 23 and 22 are missing; Cairns 26, 21, 20, 19 and 18 are ruined and require repair. Cairns 30, 29, 27 and 18 are not numbered. No cairns have been whitewashed. The boundary is kept as clean as the very rough natu of the country will allow. The watcher should attend atonce to the repairs and renewal of cairns.

2. PROTECTION:- One watcher on Rs.9/- has been employed and is on dut duty. His salary has not been paid from November 1935 up to now. The president should see that the arrear pay is paid to the watcher before long.

3. GRAZING LIMIT.- The grazing limit is 430 cow units. Permits have been issued to 19 buffaloes, 77 cows and 54 bulls making up a total of 169 cow units. The president says that he will be able to sell some more permits even though it is an off season to cover up the pay of the watcher. Closure period is observed during May and June. Dry fuel has not been sold, there are no quarryies in the panchayat and I am told there is no demand for manure leaves. The means of the panchayat are thus extremly limitted.

4. IMPROVEMENT.- Of the 25 tamarind trees said to havepeen planted in 1935, 10 or 12 are said to have survived. The president says that the Thangedu dibbled in blank places died away for want of moisture in the subsoil during the summer months. Efforts should be made to plant trees and dibble thangedu early in the coming Mungari season. There are no other improvements to be done according to the agreement.

5. ACCOUNTS.- Accounts are maintained and the lease amount has been paid.

Receipts.				Charges.			
Opening balance.	46	9	3	Pay of watchers.	32	0	0
Grazing revenue ...	63	6	0	Lease amount	14	0	0
Interest on S.B.deposits.	0	13	8	Cost of Stationery	0	3	0
				Cash balance.	64	9	11
	110	12	11		110	12	11

Of this Rs.61-13-8 has been depesited in the Savings bank.

P.T.O.

GENERAL:- The reserve has been inspected only twice during the year, one by a member and another by the president. The remaining members have not inspected the reserve atall. No offences have been detected during the year. Ocviously the members and the president do not seem to take any interest in the affairs of the panchayat. They cannot afford to continue indifferent any longer. If they do not take adequate interest in the management of the affairs of the panchayat they must be warned they would be removed from membership and debarred from candidature in future. The panchayat, as uaual, is rent by faction.

(True-copy)

N.D.22/9.

For Tahsildar.

22/9.

ChilaKanahatti Panchayat Forest

Notes of Inspection by Sub Collector, Hospet.

Inspected the forest on 28-11-35 walked the boundary from cairn 31 to cairn 52. Cairns 45 and 49 should be replaced. The lines are kept fairly clear: for some distance the line follows a large vanka and is difficult to keep clear. Special attention should be given to this portion. There are two watchers: both are new to the work. It is said that owing to the unhealthiness of the locality it is impossible to keep watchers for any length of time.

I saw no signs of illicit grazing or cutting: there is no coupe system. There is extensive growth of palmyrahs, particularly near the vanka.

The financial situation is as follows:--

Receipts.		Charges.	
Opening balance.	0-13-6.	Watcher's pay.	80-7-6
Grazing revenue on 393 units at 0-6-0.	147-6-0.	Lease amount.	60-0-0
Sale of M.F.Produce.	8-8-0.	Recovered by President on account of Advance.	5-0-0
Moiety of compounding fees.	8-0.	Contingencies.	7-9-0
	3-6.	Cash balance.	4-3-0.
			157-3-6.

The grazing is not fully exploited: permits for 393 units have been issued out of a maximum of 700.

Three meetings have been held since 1-7-35: there have been two inspections by the President and two members. One offence has been detected: Sandal and Tangedu were planted about three months ago.

The panchayat should show more enthusiasm: more grazing permits should be issued. The funds are very small and one watcher should be dispensed with, as the area of the forest is small. Meetings should be held monthly and more frequent inspections should be made. (By Order) Narasimha

To The President Forest Panchayat, Collectorate, Bellary, Tahsildar Hospet. HEAD CLERK. 3-12-35

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Inspection notes of Gaikwad Mirasdar Palamgaon by the Mahalkari of Hosbet.

Date of inspection 12 May 1936.

Boundary. Commenced inspection from the west of the Palamgaon reserve. Enclosed Cairns nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and again 46 to 57. There are no numbers for Cairns 9 to 45 & this data as no 55 is missing. The President has been arrested to attend to the numbering of Cairns at once. The line is kept clear.

Protection. Two watchers on Rs 8/- per month are provided in the agreement but there are none on duty now, for want of funds. The President explains that the Panchayatdars are kept after the reserve themselves. Only two offences were detected this year & they have been fined. During inspection found & babul trees recently cut near Cairn nos 48 & 55. In the absence of watchers protection is found to be defective. There was one out break in the early April 1936 which was put out by the members of the help of some of the ryots. No goats or offences were noticed.

Grazing Grazing limit is 700 cow units but the Panchayat has been able to sell only 373 cow units. The Hetkaris have withdrawn and have not taken a single animal. Consequently there has been a loss of about Rs 60/- in grazing. The matter is under investigation. The grazing rates fixed in the agreement is Rs 0-6-0 and this was adopted.

Improvements Kengumla bund was repaired at a cost of Rs in 1933 but it has been breached. There are no funds for improvements.

Accounts The prescribed accounts have been maintained. There has been no transaction from March 1936 to date for funds. The financial condition is given below

Receipts		Charges	
Opening balance	0-13-6	Watchmen's pay	1-
Grass revenue	147-6-0	Contingencies	4
Cash	0-8-0	Maintenance	2
Sale of trees	2-0-0	Lease	64-
" earth	3-2-0	Refund of advance of Hetkaris	5-
" dead wood	0-6-0		
" dead palamgaon trees	7-8-0		
Received by the Panchayat	36-0-0		
	197-11-6		

Inspection notes of Forest Panchayat Chillam

Date of inspection 15.9.36

" last inspection 12.5.36

Area 617.45 of Sandal Reserve

798.56 Padmigra dope reserve

1416.21

Boundaries Inspected the Sandal wood reserve from Cai. No 58 to 70. All cairns are of stone seats well White washed & painted with nos. The boundary is well cut & the same maintained. No encroachments.

Protection One watcher has been entertained recently by the President. He is able bodied. The President takes keen interest in the protection of reserve. No illicit grazing is found in my inspection & no goat droppings recently noticed. The forest offences detected by the president will be compounded immediately on realisation.

Grazing The right of grazing in 700 Cowmunts granted by the President has been enjoyed by 700 cowmunts consisting of the organised efforts of the members. The members themselves except one have to take out permits & have effected a Compromise between the members & the President & the regular members have agreed to take out permits & pay the fees prescribed. The grazing revenue has risen in the year.

Improvements Nil

Accounts Accounts are maintained neatly & are up to date. Grazing permits issued have been checked by me

Receipts		Charges	
Opening balance	7-15-0	Watcher's pay	12-0-0
Grazing revenue	63-6-0	Lease	30-0-0
	71 5 0	Closing balance	29 5 0
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Revenue Dept.

Forests - Bellary district - Retransfer of certain panchayats to the Forest department

[C. No. 5304 4/36] From the Board of Revenue, Mem. No. 1564-B-5 dated 20-11-1936.

To A.S.

pp 1-3 cf Please see the Board's reference in the c.f. The proposal is to take over under the management of the Forest department the following four panchayat reserves in the Bellary district:-

p. 2 cf "1) Chilakanahatti - measuring 7.99 acres.

2) Thimmalapuram Sandalwood area, measuring 678 acres.

3) Thummaraguddi measuring 45.79 acres.

& 4) Jonigiri - measuring 1282 acres.

pp 3-4 cf 2) The proposal is supported by the Collector and the C.C.F. and the Chief Conservator is willing to renounce control of the existing staff of forest guards and foresters.

p 2 cf. "3) For the reasons stated in para 3 of the reference the Board's proposal may it is submitted be approved. A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Government for acceptance."

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Are there agreements with Forest Panchayats now Current?
If so, When do they expire? | A
Or do rules allow resumption at any time during the Currency of a lease? | B
Draft says nothing about Classification of the forests after the transfer. | C

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6.12.26

To A.S.

'A' above: Submitted that no information is available in the office. The information may be obtained from the Board of Revenue. A draft T.T. is submitted for approval.

Done
RK
12.12.

"B" above:

"The Government reserve to themselves the right to resume a forest from the control of a panchayat if the panchayat commits any breach of the agreement or fails to protect the forest adequately or allows it to deteriorate."

Please see End of para 2 on p 1121 B. S. O. Vol IV (Not put up)

~~under~~ clause 6 of the agreement to be executed by the Panchayat does provide for resumption during the currency of the lease.

"The Board of Revenue on behalf of the Secretary of State can at any time and without assigning any reason cancel the agreement." Vide p. 1146

Dev. Deptt.

T. M.

please despatch
p. copy Bdom.
RR
12/12/36.

To the Additional Joint Secretary
to the Board of Revenue.

P. C. despatched
hra
12/12/36.

p. me cf.

Ref. your letter No. L. 544-36-5 dated 20-11-'36 - Panchayat Forests (Bellary district) Retransfer to the Forest department.

Please say whether the agreements with Forest Panchayats concerned are now current and, if so, when they expire.

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TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

Rev. 5622 I

From The Additional Joint Secretary 17.12.'86
Board of Revenue.

To The Asst. Secretary.
Rev. Dept.

In reference your T. M. of 12-12-86 regarding
Panchayat - Forest - Bellary Dt.
Retransfer to the Forest Dept.

Information on the point is not
available. Evidently, the agreements are
now current. If so agreed, the information
will be ascertained from the Collector and
reported to the Govt. ~~The~~

'A' The agreements can however be
Cancelled at any time and without any
assigning any reason therefor by the Boards.
(Not put up) Please see Clause VI of the Form of agreement
on page 1146 of B.S.O. Vol. IV.
15/12/86

Dev. Dept.

To A.S.

Please see the T.N. to the Board of Revenue at page 4 supra and the Board's r/o at p 5 ante. For orders whether the Board may be asked to get the required information from the Collector.

with reference to 'A' at p. 5 ante.

I think we may accept the proposals. The Board will give information in regard to the cancellation of assignment of any area in force.

R.K. 17/12/36. S.A. 17.12.36.

KK 16/12

(Finance Dept. Order)

Yes. The draft order is sent to Finance for acceptance.

Cib 24/12/36.

Finance u/o. ++

Co. 5304 I/36-1
4-1-37.

Fin: Ch 24 E. II
4.1.37

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Fin E II

The proposal of the Dept. to transfer the panchayat forests (4 reserves) measuring 7218 acres in the Bellary District to the Forest Dept may be accepted.

See ppt-2CF.

As regards the staff proposed, the CC requires 1 forest guard and 2 forest watchers, to protect the four reserves.

para 4 on p 3 CF.

The proposal may be accepted. ⊗ cf. Co 91 Dev 25.1.36 (T)
as usual
the staff may be on a temporary basis
for one year for the present. ~~as~~
~~No~~ sanction no. is therefore necessary.
~~subject~~ Subject to the above remark,
the draft order may be accepted.

(For working agricultural area of 1852 acres 1 rood 1 perch & 1 acre 1 rood 1 perch see P.W.D. 91 Dev 25-36) (T)
& for annual maintenance of 3769 acres 1 rood 1 perch (T)

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Dev. Dept

To A.S.

Please see Fin. Dept. notes above. This Dept. may perhaps agree to the staff being sanctioned temporarily for one year from 1-4-37 to 31-3-1938.
The draft order has been revised accordingly

RC
19.1.37 S.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 JAN 1937
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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12.1.37

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The draft is for approval.

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HM C 1.

When were these
panchayats constituted?
Does the Tirunaragadi panchayat
manage the Tirumalapuram
A sandalwood area also or
is there separate panchayat
also? Please also let us have
the replies of the concerned
panchayats objecting to
the proposed transfers.

Kirk
22.1.37

Chief Conservator
To A.S.

Please see his query
above with reference to 'A' above,
it is submitted that Tirunaragalli
panchayat manages only the
Tirunaragalli Reserve Forest.
The Thirumalapuram Sandalwood
area is managed by the Chikkaiahatti panchayat. With reference
to the other points, a draft D.O.
to the Board's Rly. is submitted for
approval.

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[Issued as Gov. No. 5304 L/36-2 dy 27-1-37]
From the BD & Rev. Ref. No. L. 524-36-1 dy 21-2-37

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To A.S.

Please see Hon'ble query at p 8 supra. The following Statement gives the names of the reserves, the names of the panchayats that manage them, the dates on which they were constituted and the dates on which their agreements expire.—

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Names of the reserves.	Name of the panchayat managing the reserve.	Date of constitution	Date of expiry of agreement.
Chilakanahatti Themulapuram Sandalwood area	Chilakanahatti	14-2-27.	30-6-1938
Thummaraguddi	Jiginahalli	10-6-1926	30-6-1938
Tarsigiri	Tarsigiri	15-6-1926	30-6-1937

Copies of the resolutions of the panchayats will be found at pages 8-10 C.F. The resolution of the Chilakanahalli panchayat says that 'the Kanigandla forest reserve should remain under the panchayat. Probably this is another name for the forests managed by the panchayat.' No specific reason has been assigned for not transferring the reserves to the Forest Dept.

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Reasons for the proposed transfer are given in para 2 at p. 2 CF

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I should like to discuss
this matter with you on Tuesday
if this is convenient to you.

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To A.S.

A draft Ord. is submitted for approval

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N.L.C.F.

[Issued as Ord No. 5304 JdR 24-3-37.]

N.I.C.A.F.

From the D of Res. Ref. No. L 524/36 D
of 6-4-37

To A-S.

Please see Hon'ble minutes at ff 10 supra - and the notes & inspection at ff 13-32 C.F. The ~~notes~~ notes at ff 13-19 relate to Jiginahalli Panchayat, those at ff 20-27 relate to Tonsigeri Panchayat and those at ff 28-32 C.F relate to Chikkanahalli Panchayat.

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The following is a rough abstract:

Jiginihalli Reserve.

Inspection dated 9-5-1934. * ff 17-19 C.F.

Boundary marks not properly numbered nor Forest maps well maintained.

Watchers not paid properly. Illicit cutting not detected. Goat droppings found and several trees found cut..

Permits for grazing not issued to the full limit-cattle found grazing during the close period.

Cattle ponds in disrepair.

President is evincing some interest.

Inspection -1935 (January). @ ff. 15-16 C.F.

Cairns not properly whitewashed - boundary line not clear in places.

No improvements to Kunta and no dibbling of Tangedu.

Only a small number of permits issued for grazing.

H 13-14 C F

Inspection dated 16-3-1936.

No illicit grazing noticed. Watchers not paid regularly. Agreement renewed very late - late by nearly 6 months. Permits sold for only 454 units against a limit of 1500 cow units.

Fuel concessions not advantageously used. Inspection of the reserve made only by the President and one other member. Members have not been taking any interest.

TONSIGERI RESERVE.

@ H 20-21 C F

Inspection - 1933 (April).

Boundary line not quite clear. Cairns not whitewashed. Fall in grazing permits - permits not issued to the full capacity. Members do not appear to take adequate interest.

Financial condition not at all sound.

P H 22-23 C F

Inspection - 1934(May).

Cairns not in order nor whitewashed properly. Lopping and illicit cutting found but no detection. Permits issued for just more than half the number fixed.

Inspections made by the members seem only nominal.

H 24-25 C F.

Inspection - 1935 (December).

Boundary line not clear; cairns fallen partly. No illicit cuttings or goat droppings noticed. Only 164 units permitted to graze against 430 prescribed. Closure periods observed.

No attempt made to grow trees as per agreement. Generally the work of the Panchayat is unsatisfactory.

There seems to be hitch between President and members. Watcher left to himself without any supervision by members.

Inspection -1936(March). 11 M. 17 C F

Some cairns found missing; some ruined and some not numbered. Cairns not whitewashed. Watchers pay not paid.

Permits issued only to 169 cow units against a maximum of 430 units. Closure period observed. Dry fuel not sold. Members not found to be taking interest. No offences detected. Members to be warned if they continue indifferent. Panchayat is rent by faction.

CHILAKANAHATTI RESERVE.

Inspection - 1935 (November).-(Sub-Collector). 12 28 C F.

Two cairns require replacement. Lines kept fairly well. No sign of illicit grazing. Grazing is not properly exploited. Permits issued just above half the prescribed limit. Panchayat should show more enthusiasm. More inspection should be made and economy effected by dispensing with one watcher.

Inspection dated 12th May 1936. 11 29 - 30 C F.

Certain cairns not numbered. No watchers found on duty; none employed for want of funds. Panchayatdars are looking after the reserves. Signs of recent cutting of babul trees noticed. Protection defective.

Permits for only 373 cow units issued against 700 maximum. The President is able and has been successfully working the panchayat. Relations between him and the members very cordial. Misunderstandings have arisen owing to the removal of the Karanam from the Presidentship of Halagapur. Entire panchayat should be dissolved and fresh election held.

To A.S.

Please see the ~~a~~dis-at
p 14 Supra.

Public Deptt. has recently
pointed out that in the preamble
to the notification issuing the
rules, the provisions of the Govt. of India
Act, 1935 should be referred to and not
the Classification rules. Necessary
alteration has been made on p 2 of the draft.
Subject to orders, the period of
Sanction to the temp posts has been
altered ~~from 1-5-37 to~~ to one year
from 1-5-37. The draft as altered
may issue.

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Dev. Dept.

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Date. Initials.

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

SUBJECT:— Forests —

When received for fair copying ..
When copied ..
When examined..
When signed ..
When despatched.

Reclamification - Bellary division - Chilakanahatti, Thimmalapuram, Jummanagudda and Jonnigiri R.F. - Transfer to the Forest department. Proposals sanctioned.

READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____.

" " _____ " _____ 19____.

READ *ALSO*:—

C No. 5304 I From the Board of Rev. Ry No. L.540-36-5, dated 20-11- 1936 pp 1 to 3 c/f

" _____ " _____ " _____ " _____ 19____.

" _____ " _____ " _____ " _____ 19____.

~~Order~~ ~~Resolution~~ ~~Ms.~~ ~~Rout.~~ No. 940, dated 23-4- 1937

pp 1 to 3 c/f

In the circumstances reported by the Board of Revenue, the Government sanction the retransfer of the following panchayat forests to the control of the Forest department:-

p 2 c/f

(1) Chilakanahatti 799 acres

(2) Thimmalapuram Sandalwood area 618 acres.

(3) Thummanagudda ~~4519~~ 4519 acres.

Just 72+8 ans

(4) Jonnigiri 1282 acres

These reserves on transfer to the Forest department will be placed in class I. (Class is the lowest grade here) Vide is the para allowed annually - Go, 1150 dev/1935 p41 of (D).

They also sanction the employment of one Forest Guard on Rs 15/- per mensem and two forest watchers on Rs 12/- each per mensem temporarily for one year from 1-8-37 for the protection of the areas to be transferred.

take action as proposed

P.T.O.

~~transferred to the Forest department.~~

P.G. 3/1/37 This sanction has been registered as No. of 1936-37.

J.R. 3.12.36

P.S. 4.1.37

C.R. 24.12.36

To the Board of Revenue. ✓
" " C. C. F. ✓
" " A. G. through Finance. ✓
" " Finance deptt. ✓
" " Public (Rules) deptt. ✓
" " S. G. O. (Para 2 only) ✓

3 The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:-

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Notification.

In exercise of the powers conferred by ~~rule 44 of the Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, read with~~ paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) of section 241 of the Govt. of India Act, 1935, the Governor hereby makes the following special rules.

-4 JAN 1937

Rules.

The cadre of Class III of the Madras Forest Subordinate Service shall be increased in the IV grade temporarily by one post for the period commencing on the 18th ~~April~~ May 1937 and ending on the 30th ~~April~~ March 1938 for the performance of the work connected with

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the protection of ~~the forests~~ certain reserved forests in the Bellary Dt.

The General and Special rules applicable to holders of permanent posts borne on the said Cadre shall apply to the holder of the said temporary post.

Explanation. The term 'the holder of the temporary post' shall mean the person counted against the temporary post.

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